

Carlotta Lumber Company
Highway 36
Carlotta, California
Case No. 1NHU761

**Notice of Proposed Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Approval:
Comment Period ends April 5, 2004.**

Problem Description:

Soil and groundwater are contaminated by pentachlorophenol related to past discharges from a wood treatment system at the former lumber mill. A sensitive receptor survey indicates that domestic and agricultural water supply wells and surface water exist in the area. One domestic well is up gradient of the source area of the site. There are other domestic and agricultural supply wells in the area surrounding the site. None of the wells are threatened and/or impacted by the contamination.

Interim Actions Completed:

Contaminated soils at the former lumber mill were excavated and disposed of at a permitted facility in 1990. Four groundwater monitoring wells are installed at the site. The monitoring wells were sampled in 1990, 2000, quarterly in 2001 and semiannually in 2002 and 2003. Numerous grab soil and groundwater samples have been collected during the investigations that began in 1989. The extent of soil and groundwater contamination has been defined. The groundwater sampling during September of 2003 indicates pentachlorophenol ranging from 24 parts per billion (ppb) to less than 1 ppb and tetrachlorophenol ranging from 2 ppb to less than 1 ppb in the four monitoring wells.

Proposed Action:

The responsible party for the former Carlotta Mill proposes to use monitored natural attenuation to restore water quality. The monitoring wells will be sampled in September of the next two years. Water quality objectives will be met at the site within the next ten years. Humboldt County Department of Environmental Health will not allow the installation of a domestic supply well on the site until after water quality objectives have been met.

The proposed remedial action plan will be approved without further notice unless significant public comment is received prior to **30 days from posting. Please submit your written comments to:**

**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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You may also submit your questions and comments by telephone by contacting Kasey Ashley of the Regional Water Board staff at (707) 576-2673.

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